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ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS OF MAINE

## DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

**Saturday 10 October 2020 Fraternity Lodge #6 at 651 Forest Ave. Portland Maine is hosting a Degree Rally, 8 A.M. coffee and donuts, 9 A.M. 1st Degree, 10:15 A.M. 2nd Degree, 11:15 A.M. Lunch, 1 P.M. 3rd Degree. 2 to 3 P.M. Social Hour . No charge for meals. If you plan to attend notify Kevin Cole (207) 775-7954 by Wednesday 10/7/2020.**

**Saturday November 14 2020 Grand Encampment IOOF of Maine session in Oakland see pages 6 & 7.**

**Scratch ticket raffle is October 16th get your tickets in to Grand Lodge.**

**Thanks to the Lodges and people that have already purchased tickets for the Maine Bicentennial Poster Map Raffle.**

**Please remember that you have till the end of October to get your money in for the tickets. If you would like to buy tickets and haven't yet please reach out , we will get you some. This raffle is for the Rebekah and Oddfellow Home of Maine.**

**Gretchen Clark- Chairman Home Fundraising Committee**

**Connie Clements is having a few medical issues and thinking of you cards would be appreciated. Jane McCollister.**

### LODGE OF SORROW

**Mousam Lodge #26 PDC Barry Harriman passed away 9/22/2020.**

**Traditional Duties of an Odd Fellow Are:**

- To visit the sick
- To relieve the distressed
- To bury the dead
- To Educate the Orphan  
Helping others to build a better World

**IF YOU WANT YOUR LODGES EVENTS AND PHOTOS PUBLISHED PLEASE SEND THEM TO THE GL EMAIL PREFERABLE AS A WORD DOCUMENT OR ATTACHMENTS**



**OCTOBER  
2020**

## Grand Masters letter

20 September 2020

**Dear brothers and sisters**

**Members of The Grand Lodge have voted to postpone the annual Grand Lodge session until October 2021. Lodges that wish to open must abide by the CDC recommendations and state government restriction. If you don't feel safe or are not feeling well please stay home.**

**Lodges that open must take all necessary precautions to avoid transmission of COVID-19. For indoor gatherings, face coverings and social distancing are a must and personal contact should be avoided. Lodges should provide hand washing solutions. The practice of washing and disinfecting of common areas is necessary to avoid COVID-19 transmission.**

**Serving meals is another area that needs special attention: limit the number of cooks in the kitchen area wear face coverings while cooking, and serving food. Practice social distances while dining and use disposable utensils where ever possible.**

**Dispensation has been granted to lodges that choose to stay dark during this time . The rituals, installations, voting, and degrees shall be modified for the health and safety of our members.**

**We must work together to avoid an outbreak in our organization. Lodges will conduct meetings with the health and safety of our members a priority. The C.D.C. web pages offer government approved guidelines the State of Maine provides up to date information and restrictions please refer to them if you have any questions or concerns.**

**F,L&T**

**David Gulya Grand Master**

## PRESIDENT of REBEKAH ASSEMBLY'S LETTER

**President Newsletter****September 20, 2020**

***Hello Everyone, I am back with more news. It is time to start thinking about putting the air conditioners away for another year. Now time to think about buttoning up for the colder months; the furnaces will soon start to keep us warm.***

***I am happy to report that most of the Rebekah Lodges have started to meet once again; just remember the guidelines: you know masks, stay 6 feet apart and wash your hands often also 50 people or less. If any Lodge wants to remain closed this is ok too. It is okay to meet in an alternate place (someone's home etc.). Be creative because you should try to have at least one meeting a month to get necessary business taken care of.***

***A few reminders:***

***Please get any checks sent to Diddie Barry ASAP for donations this year which ends October 16, 2020. Even though there will be no Assembly they still need to close the books and start a new year for 20-21.***

***Regarding Installation of officers for 2020-2021 JUST FOR THIS YEAR ONLY any officer that stays in the same position DOES NOT need to be installed again. This is because the Assembly Officers remained the same. Just install any office that will be changing people. Starting 21-22 Session if Assembly is held ALL Officers will need to be reinstalled EACH YEAR. Listen to the charge that is given which explains why.***

***Acme Rebekah Lodge #75 will be doing the Degree on October 8, 2020 so if you have a candidate bring them along. Supper is at 6:00PM and Meeting starts at 7:00pm. Please call either Diddie Barry at 453-6053 or Marilee Perkins 646-7184 to let them know how many will be coming; they would like a head count. Address for Acme is 21 Oak Street, Oakland ME 04953***

***A big Thank you! To Lady Arambec Rebekah Lodge #26 for a fun weekend at Meadow Brook Camp Ground and the Karaoke time. A fun time was had by all who attended! Jean Moffatt and Verna Jones worked very hard to make this a huge SUCCESS; I haven't heard what the total was but I will find out and pass it along. Thank You Jean and Verna and your helpers.***

***This is all the news for this month so will be back next month with more.***

***Be sure to call me if you need anything 839-4723. My First Regional Meeting Questions will resume next Month.***

***In FLT***

***Joyce Young, President.***

## **Notes from JJYC Committee**

for the month of March 2021. Due to the COVID 19 the JJYC committee is unable to hold its annual Basket Bingo in November. We have decided instead to have a calendar raffle Each day you will have a chance to win a basket or a prize. There will be a letter going to each lodge Secretary explaining how the baskets will work. We really would appreciate any assistance your lodge can give the Kids!!! They are our future.

Deb Harney, Secretary JJYC Committee

### **Good afternoon St. George! Thank you Odd Fellows!**

As many of you know, there was a drive thru bean supper at the Odd Fellows Hall. From that supper, the Odd Fellow donated \$372 to the Rec Boosters! Thanks again to the Odd Fellows and all of my fellow bean eaters!

BEN VAIL, P&R DIRECTOR

Anyone have a candidate that needs to take the Rebekah degree? Acme Rebekah lodge #75 will be doing the Rebekah Degree on a candidate October 8th 2020. There will be a lite supper at 6pm and the degree at 7pm at the Masonic Hall in Oakland ME. All are welcome, please let Diddie Barry@ 453-6053 know if you are planning to attend so we will have enough food. Acme has a large hall so social distancing can be practiced and there will be hand sanitizer in the hall

### **The Annual Potato Run**

The Grand Lodge is doing its Potato Run again, this year it will be on the last Sunday of October 10/25/2020, the People going to Houlton to do the picking up of the potatoes will meet at 9:00 A.M. in the Sears Parking Lot at the Bangor Mall near the auto service garage entrance. They will then go to Rockabema Lodge in Houlton arriving about 11:00 A.M., from there they will go to the potato house to pick up the potatoes and return to Sears in Bangor about 2:00 P.M. to distribute the potatoes to the lodges who have ordered them.

If you wish to order potatoes to give to food pantries etc. let the Grand Secretary know how many bags before October 15th.

If you wish to order some potatoes for personal or lodge use let me know so I can have them bagged up and ready for you to pick up in Houlton.

In FL&T GS Michael Anderson

## My Flying Experience with the Pandemic

Sept 5th, 2020

I was asked “You dare to Fly?”

It was either fly or miss my daughters birthday.

WE all know that you wear a mask whenever you go in public. The airlines have the same strict rules as Maine. Wear the mask at all times except when eating or drinking and put the mask back on when you are done. Children were wearing masks also.

Going through Security was spaced and everything else was the same.

The airline are not serving food or drinks on the planes. If you want any food or drinks you are asked to purchase them at the airport before boarding.

Boarding the plane, was much slower and not bunched at the door to go in the plane. At other times there were quite a few waiting in line to enter.

The Airline Hostess tells you, when seated, the rules of flying. If you do not abide by their rules, you are told that you will not be flying with them in the future. Mask at all times.

I had someone beside me on the way down, we did our thing I read. Masked at all times.

As we departed from the plane the cleaning crew were ready. There were at least 8 ready to board when everyone was out. They were in first class as I was going out they cleaned all area that someone might touch. They also spray the plane after.

I felt very safe flying... But oh the mask, I couldn't wait to get outdoors.

This was my experience and may not be anything you want to do “To each his own”

Diddie Barry

### Wacky Laws, Weird Decisions and Strange Statutes

In Maine it is against the law to walk down the street with your shoelaces untied. I don't know how far back that law was!!!!

Also A tenant is forbidden to bite his/her landlord if living in Rumford, Maine. I wonder if that was a problem???????

In Portland, Maine, tickling a girl under the chin with a feather duster is illegal. I wonder if that law has been changed???????

# GRAND ENCAMPMENT, I.O.O.F. OF MAINE

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MICHAEL ANDERSON, PGP, PDC, PGM, GRAND SCRIBE

## **Patriarchs and Matriarchs;**

**The Grand Encampment of Maine One Hundred and Seventy-Fifth Annual Session will be held at the Masonic Hall 21 Oak Street Oakland, Maine. The Session will convene on Saturday November 14, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. Registration will start at 8:00 A.M.**

**No Royal Purple Banquet on Friday Evening.**

**A Saturday Luncheon will be provided at no cost.**

## **The Grand Encampment Officers**

<b>Grand Patriarch</b>	<b>Denise Annis</b>
<b>Grand High Priest</b>	<b>Donald Dinsmore</b>
<b>Grand Senior Warden</b>	<b>Royce Gordon</b>
<b>Grand Junior Warden</b>	<b>Mura Knights</b>
<b>Grand Scribe</b>	<b>Michael Anderson</b>
<b>Grand Treasurer</b>	<b>Allen Knights</b>
<b>Grand Marshall</b>	<b>Howard Morang</b>
<b>Grand Sentinel</b>	
<b>Deputy Grand Sentinel</b>	<b>Jerry Farnham</b>
<b>Grand Musician</b>	
<b>Grand Instructor</b>	<b>Richard Ashline</b>
<b>Grand Representative</b>	<b>Jerry Farnham</b>
<b>Alt Grand Representative</b>	<b>Richard Ashline</b>
<b>Special Deputy to LAPM</b>	<b>Bea Wilson</b>

## **District Deputy Grand Patriarch**

<b>District 1</b>	<b>Ron Brann</b>
<b>District 2</b>	<b>Don Dinsmore</b>
<b>District 3</b>	

## Grand Encampment Committees for 2019-2020

### Annual Communications

Michael Anderson  
Richard Ashline  
John Roberts

### Finance

Richard Ashline  
Howard Morang  
Donald Dinsmore

### Legislation

Michael Anderson  
Royce Gordon  
Allen Knights

### Judiciary

John Roberts  
Royce Gordon  
Allen Knights

### Dispensations and Charters

Richard Ashline  
Michael Anderson  
Allen Knights

### Unfinished Business

Michael Anderrson  
Ron Boucher  
Dianne Pinkham

### Courtesy

Howard Morang  
Ron Brann  
Richard Ashline

### Appeals

Mura Knights  
Richard Ashline  
Royce Gordon

### Planning Board

All Elected Grand Encampment Officers

### Returns

Michael Anderson  
Richard Ashline  
John Roberts

### Incorporation

Grand Scribe  
Grand Treasurer  
Jerry Farnham

### By-Laws

Michael Anderson  
Richard Ashline  
Mura Knights

### State of Order

Howard Morang  
Donald Dinsmore  
Royce Gordon

### Printing

Grand Scribe  
Mura Knights  
Jerry Farnham

### Ways & Means

Howard Morang  
Dennis Pinkham  
Donald Dinsmore

### Credentials

Richard Ashline  
John Roberts  
Donald Dinsmore

### Memorial

Grand High Priest  
Grand Patriarch  
Grand Scribe

### Registration

Howard Morang  
Richard Ashline  
John Roberts

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